which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of the 30th June, 1984 to the effect that Punjab extremist escape to Pakistan from the border areas of Poonch in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the circumstances under which they were allowed to get away;

(c) whether Government have taken steps to keep a watch on the border to stop such escape of extremists and apprehend them; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) to (d) Government are aware of the news item. Government had received information that a group of Sikhs had slipped across to Pakistan from the border areas of Poonch in the Jammu Region. Patrolling in this area has been further intensified and security measures tightened.

Thirty Sikhs arrested while crossing over from Pakistan

1682. SHRI SHANKAR SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Times of India of the 30th June, 1984 to the effect that a group of thirty Sikhs while crossing over from Pakistan were arrested in Ganganagar in Rajasthan in June last;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) Government have seen the news-item.

(b) the Government of Rajasthan have informed that no such group was arrested in Ganganagar district.

(c) Does not arise.

Insurgents and Smugglers coming from Burma

1683. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments' attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in a section of the press on the 23rd June, 1984 to the effect that insurgents and smugglers were coming to India freely from Burma;

(b) whether it is a fact that during Burman's Foreign Minister's recent visit to Indian this subject was not taken up by the Government of India;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken to check insurgents and smugglers coming freely from Burma?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Since the name of newspaper has not been mentioned, the particular news item could not be ascertained. However, the Government have information about some insurgents and smugglers coming to India from Burma.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Security Forces in adequate strength are developed along Indo-Burma to check infiltration/ex-fil ra-of the insurgents and other illegal trans border movement. The Customs field forma ions on the Indo-Burma border are keeping constant vigil. Approporiate anti-smuggling measures are taken in coordination by the concerned Central and State Government authorities.